

HENRY ANGELL

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Mr. BURTON, from the Committee on Immigration, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 2131]

The Committee on Immigration, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2131), for the relief of Henry Angell, having considered the same, report it back to the Senate with amendment, and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendment is as follows:

On page 1, line 12, between the words "shall" and "be" insert the following: "upon being charged to the quota of the country in which he was born,".

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The bill, as amended, provides for cancelation of the outstanding warrant of arrest against Henry Angell (or Hajm Engel alias Henryk Engel), and directs that no further such warrant be issued based on the same charge of unlawful entry. It provides also that Mr. Angell shall be deemed to have been lawfully admitted into the United States for permanent residence on October 15, 1913, upon his being charged to the quota of the country in which he was born.

INFORMATION

The following letter from the Attorney General describes the case in detail:

MARCH 15, 1943.

Hon. RICHARD B. RUSSELL,
Chairman, Committee on Immigration, United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of this Department relative to a bill (S. 632) to authorize the cancelation of the outstanding warrant of arrest against Henry Angell and to provide that he shall be deemed to have been admitted to the United States for permanent residence as of October 15, 1913.

It appears from the files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department that Mr. Angell, who is 43 years of age, is a native of Poland. He states that he was lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence on October 15, 1913: That in October 1915, he desired to enlist in the United States Army and that a recruiting sergeant advised him to state that he was born in the United States and that he was over 21 years of age. Shortly thereafter, he followed this advice and enlisted. During his military service he spent 1 year in the Philippine Islands and several years in China. He returned to the United States in September 1919 and was honorably discharged from the Army on June 4, 1920.

In 1924, he obtained a United States passport by stating that he was born in the United States, and in October of that year he returned to Poland where he remained continuously until November 1939, except for a brief visit to the United States in 1936. While in Poland he renewed his United States passport every few years through the American consulate in Warsaw. He was married in Poland on March 1, 1928, to a native and citizen of that country. The couple has one child. Mr. Angell engaged in the manufacture of hardware in that country and left there on orders of the military commander of Warsaw after the invasion of Poland. Both his wife and child remained in Poland.

Mr. Angell was readmitted to this country on November 13, 1939, as a citizen of the United States upon presentation of his United States passport. It was subsequently discovered that the passport had been secured by misrepresentation, and on December 2, 1940, deportation proceedings were instituted against Mr. Angell on the ground that at the time of his entry into the United States he was a quota immigrant not in possession of an unexpired quota immigration visa. During the course of the deportation hearings Mr. Angell admitted that when he applied for his passport he falsely stated that he had been born in the United States but claimed that he believed he was a citizen of the United States as a result of his service in the United States Army.

At present Mr. Angell resides in Huntington, W. Va., where he is employed as a caretaker. He is a member of an American Legion post in that city and has an excellent reputation in the community.

The records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclose no information other than that mentioned above which is adverse to Mr. Angell.

In view of the foregoing considerations, I find no objection to the enactment of the bill.

I have been advised by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget that there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely yours,

FRANCIS BIDDLE, *Attorney General.*

It will be noted that the Attorney General in his opinion refers to S. 632, which is the Senate companion bill.

The committee after carefully considering the evidence presented, recommend that the bill (H. R. 2131) as amended, be favorably reported to the Senate and that the bill do pass.

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